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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Citywide Church Gathering (today, June 25)

There will be a citywide gathering of the church in NYC today, at Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates). Saints will also gather at Hall 3 (Flushing) as a Chinesespeaking satellite location. A Zoom meeting will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Translation will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean both in Hall 1 and in the Zoom meeting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting so please plan to stay and blend with the saints!

Schedule:

10:00AM - 12:15PM	Lord's Table and Special
	Fellowship
12:15 PM	Lunch

Locations:

Hall 1 - Jamaica Estates 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432 Hall 3 – Flushing (Chinese-speaking) 157-17 Rose Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 836 7249 7719 Passcode: 2023 One tap mobile: +19294362866,,83672497719#

Hall 1 - Children and Young People

In Hall 1, Children's Service (Pre-K and grades K to 5) will begin at 10am. Please use the entrance to the lower level using the ramp to the underground parking garage. The young people (grades 6-12) will not have a separate meeting and will stay in the main meeting after the Lord's Table.

Hall 1 – Parking and Transportation

The underground parking garage will be closed to vehicles. There should be ample parking in the

neighborhood around 188th Street. There will also be a shuttle service from the F-train 179th Street Station between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.

Please check <u>www.churchinnyc.org</u> for more details and updates.

• 2023 July Semi-Annual Training

The July 2023 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on **An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing**, will be held online via Zoom. The registration for the video training remains open. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <u>https://bit.ly/nycregistration</u>.

Schedule for Video Training Session:

Message 1, 7:00 PM, Mon, Jul 3 Message 2, 7:30 PM, Wed, Jul 5 Message 3, 7:30 PM, Thu, Jul 6 Message 4, 7:30 PM, Fri, Jul 7 Message 5, 10:00 AM, Sat, Jul 8 Message 6, 7:00 PM, Sat, Jul 8 Lord's Table, 10:00 AM, Sun, Jul 9 Message 7, 11:00 AM, Sun, Jul 9 (Open Meeting)

Message 8, 7:30 PM, Thu, Jul 13 Message 9, 7:30 PM, Fri, Jul 14 Message 10, 10:00 AM, Sat, Jul 15 Message 11, 7:00 PM, Sat, Jul 15 Lord's Table, 10:00 AM, Sun, Jul 16 Message 12, 11:00AM, Sun, Jul 16 (Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints):

Review Messages 1-3, 7:30 PM, Mon, Jul 10 Review Messages 4-6, 7:30 PM, Wed, Jul 12 Review Messages 7-10, 4:00-5:30 PM, Sat, Jul 15

PRAYER BURDENS

- The citywide gathering of the church in NYC this Lord's Day, June 25(today)–Let us pray that all the saints will be able to attend, for all the practical services related to this gathering, and for the release of the Lord's speaking to supply all the saints and to take the church on
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the salvation of the 5th and 6th graders-Let us pray for their experiences of the assurance and joy of salvation and for their baptisms, that each one of them would have a healthy start to their Christian life, and that they would each receive the shepherding that they need
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the young people, college age saints and young adults–Let us pray that each one would "flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22) and that they may be "blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation" and "shine as luminaries in the world" (Phil. 2:15) as they face the attack of the enemy in this dark age
- The European Parents and Serving Ones' Conference being held online this weekend
- The July semiannual training in Anaheim and the local video training
- The strengthening of the church life throughout the coming months and all the other summer activities:
 - a. The North American College Training
 - b. The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training
 - c. The Summer School of Truth
 - d. The Family Bible Camp
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE - MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Week 1: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by Loving His Appearing and Not Loving the Present Age

Portions from Days 2 & 5:

The more real His work is In Revelation 22:12 the Lord Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly." In verse 20 the Lord also said, "Yes, I come quickly." Our loving response should be, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (22:20; 2 Tim. 4:8)...We should always call for His coming. This becomes our response to His return. Since we know that the Lord's second coming is so precious, we should love the Lord's appearing. We must tell the Lord, "Lord Jesus, I love You, and I love Your appearing. Because I love You, I love Your appearing." (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 4448)

Since we love the Lord's appearing, we should earnestly wait for His coming (Phil. 3:20; 1 Thes. 1:10)...Our living should indicate that we have no other hope on earth. Our hope is in the coming Lord. He is our eternal destiny. In 1 Corinthians 7 Paul says, "Brothers, the time is shortened. Henceforth both those who have wives should be as though they had none, and those who weep as though they did not weep, and those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, and those who buy as though they did not possess, and those who use the world as though they did not abuse it; for the fashion of this world is passing away" (vv. 29-31). Christ is our real hope.

We need the renewing of the mind and the transformation of the soul so that we "may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect." In this verse the will of God does not refer to our personal human situation—to matters of marriage, employment, or housing. According to Romans 12, the will of God is the Body life. Through transformation by the renewing of the mind, we can prove and discern that the will of God is to obtain the Body. (Truth Lessons—Level Three, vol. 4, p. 112)

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", message 25-26